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In re Application of:
MAKINSON ET AL.

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111(a), Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, based on the following remarks.

REVIEW

The original application sets forth claims 1-79, of which claims 1, 16, 25, 34, 38, 42, 53, 65 and 69 are independent claims. Presently, claims 34-52 and 65-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as being non-enabling of certain specified features of the present invention. Additionally, claims 3-11, 13-15, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 29, 33-52, 57-59 and 61-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite with respect to certain specified terms. Claims 1-4, 10-12, 16-20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 30-32, 34-36, 38, 39, 41, 53-56, 60 and 61 stand collectively rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over